

WØMTL—**HannibalAmateurRadioClubNews**—WØKEM



**2025 HARC OFFICERS**

**PRESIDENT: JOE LAULETTA, W6JFL -- V-PRES: AL TABOR N9MAF**  
**TREASURER: KEN FRANKLIN, KEØKCQ**  
**SECRETARY: JOSEPH CHASE, KDØHDL**  
**TRUSTEE: DON VARY, KDØHHN**  
**EDITOR: DON VARY, KDØHHN**

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**NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: 2025**

**January 8, 2025**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE!!**

**We are now meeting at the Marion County Ambulance District Administrative Offices at 142 Jaycee Drive. To get to the facility, go South on McMasters Ave (RT61) to the intersection of Clinic Rd (immediate right past Wendy's). Turn Right onto Clinic Rd and the first right is Communication Drive. Turn onto Communication Drive and continue straight on Communication which then turns into Jaycee Dr. The Admin center is on the right at the top of the hill.**

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**MONDAY NIGHT WEEKLY NET CALL LIST – 2025**

**JAN 6 JODY KEØOAA**  
**JAN 13 AL N9MAF**  
**JAN 20 JOE W6JFL**  
**JAN 27 ALLAN K9AJC**

Information about our Monday night nets can be found on the club website, [www.w0kem.com](http://www.w0kem.com) and click on FM Repeaters.

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**SCHEDULED FCC VE TEST DATES FOR YEAR OF 2025****DATES FOR 2025**

**JANUARY 8, 2025**  
**APRIL 9, 2025**  
**JULY 9, 2025**  
**OCTOBER 8, 2025**

Registration is requested at least 72 hours before the exam session by contacting the team liaison, Dave Scranton, W9WE, 210-325-7923, or [w9we.lee@gmail.com](mailto:w9we.lee@gmail.com). If enough VE's are present at the meeting night, any walk ins will be able to test that evening.

The 2025 test fee will be unchanged at \$15.00. It goes to ARRL/VEC. Bring a photo ID (or two non-photo ID's); if currently licensed, bring the original and a photocopy of your valid FCC license; and if you are claiming credit for successful completion of an exam, bring the original and photocopy of any applicable CSCE's.

Exams will take place at 8:00 PM after the regularly scheduled HARC meeting.

**WALK INS ARE WELCOME.**

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**HARC CLUB DUES:**

**HARC annual dues are due each January. The dues are very important and are needed to keep repeaters up and running, plus other expenses of the club. The yearly dues fee is \$20.00 per member, & \$5.00 for each additional family member. You can pay at club meetings, or send the money to HARC, P.O. Box 1522 Hannibal Mo, 63401. Thanks!!**



## **Hannibal Amateur Radio Club Monthly Meeting Minutes**

**Opening**

Club president Joe, W6JFL, called the December 2024 Hannibal Amateur Radio Club meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Twelve members and one guest were present.

**Proposals for membership:**

No membership proposals were presented.

**Changes/Corrections to Previous Month's Minutes:**

Changes to previous minutes: NONE

Motioned to accept the minutes made by Don, KD0HHN, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Allen, K9AJC.

Motion carried by members.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Kenny, KE0KCQ, presented the monthly financial report. As of December 11, 2024, the beginning balance was \$4,869.29, Expenses were \$0.00, and Deposits were \$33.00. The CD balance had a beginning balance of \$1,385.57, and no interest was paid during this period, bringing the total CD balance to \$1,385.57. Petty cash was also unchanged at \$40, bringing the total club balance to \$4,902.29 for December 2024.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Don, KD0HHN, and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Brian, KB9VIS.

Motion carried by members.

## REPEATERS:

Al, N9MAF, reports that both repeaters are functioning as they should.

Joe, W6JFL, reported that per the MO Repeater Council, WØKEM is the registered callsign for both repeaters in the Hannibal area. W0MTL is not registered for any repeaters in the area, and both calls belong to the club.

A motion to pay repeater insurance was made by Allen, K9AJC, and 2nd by Don, KD0HHN. The estimated cost is around \$230. Members carried a motion to authorize the payment of the repeater insurance for the coming fiscal year 2025.

## Committee Reports:

### *Elections and Nominations:*

December is election month. Between the November and December meetings, Joe, KD0HDL, called members to get their input about who they would like to nominate for office or whether they would express interest in running for a position themselves. Members had expressed their confidence in the current board of officers and made no specific nominations.

Members voted to maintain the current board of officers for the coming 2025 fiscal year. Don, KD0HHN, motioned that a single ballot be submitted for the current slate of officers. A majority vote of present members carried out the motion, and all current club officers maintained their positions for the coming year.

## Old/Unfinished Business:

DUES are due; do not forget to pay your dues by the March 2025 meeting.

Al, N9MAF, had gotten quotes for new QSL cards for the club. Two more quotes were requested to find the best deal.

We are also still looking for training officer(s) for monthly meetings. See November's entry for more information.

*Joe, W6JFL, would like to get a training officer to help schedule training sessions after meetings. If you have some electronics/RF experience or know anyone who does, let Joe know in the December meeting. In the past, before COVID, training sessions would be scheduled over different topics to learn. Topics range from coax assembly to how to get on WinLink.*

Joe, W6JFL, has proposed hosting the February Chili Dinner at Base 1. Martin, KD0TMJ, also suggested having the event after the February meeting. If you have any thoughts or recommendations, contact any of the officers. Martin will also send a survey to the members (much like the fall BBQ), so be on the lookout for that email.

CERT development: Don has not been able to meet with the commissioners. For information, see November's mention posted below or contact Don, KD0HHN.

*Don, KD0HHN, gave some updates about CERT (Citizen Emergency Response Team) training and when to possibly expect classes to be scheduled. He is waiting to meet with the County Commissioners and hopes to begin classes in the spring of 2025. There will also be a CERT-sponsored course coming on March 21 and 22<sup>nd</sup>. If interested, you can get in touch with Don through the club. To take this course, you will need to sign up for it through*

[www.sematraining.com](http://www.sematraining.com), and then you will also have to register through [www.teex.org](http://www.teex.org). In addition, a FEMA SID number will be required as well; however, if you have ever taken any FEMA self-study courses, you will already have this ID.

Another area of training the Don has been working to implement is the NTS (National Traffic System). This network allows people to send and receive messages worldwide, even in grid-down situations, for various communications needs from coast to coast. Training is tentatively set for the spring of 2025. But you don't have to wait for training to hear what an NTS net sounds like. You can find them daily on 3963 KHz every night at 5:30 PM, the Missouri Traffic Net (MoNT), and on the 75m interstate sideband net on 3985 KHz (usually around 7 or 8 pm). The Missouri Emergency Services net is on 7263 KHz every Sunday at 2 pm.

Member of the Year nominations were missed in the November meeting. So, during the December meeting, time was taken to recognize a member who has put effort and interest into advancing amateur radio and contributed to the spirit of what the club represents. Joe, W6JFL, moved to nominate Martin, KD0TMJ, for his work on the new website and hosting the fall BBQ in September 2024. Jody, KE0OAA, voiced a second, unanimously accepted by the membership. Congratulations to Martin!!!

### New Business:

Storm Spotter classes are coming up this late winter into spring. Go to <https://www.weather.gov/skywarn/> to find the schedule. They can be taken online or in a classroom setting. If you missed or did not receive Don's (KD0HHN) email, see a small copy of it below:

*"NWS St. Louis has announced their storm spotter schedule for the upcoming year. There are 2 online classes, they are January 30th from 7-8:30 pm and April 22 also from 7 - 8:30 pm. To register for one of them go to [www.weather.gov/lxx/](http://www.weather.gov/lxx/), the page for NWS St. Louis. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and click on "storm spotter talks" and that will take you to the schedule page, then click on virtual class and that will take you to the link to register. If you want to take one in person, the closest classes to us are Feb 11, 2025 at the South Shelby Elementary school in Shelby from 6:30 to 8:30 or Feb 25, 2025 in Baylis Illinois at the John Wood Community College Ag Building, same time. There are classes to the south of us. When you are on the page for the classes, there is a map for in person classes."*

The club is also looking to appoint a Webmaster. The webmaster will keep the site current and ensure that newsletters and information are displayed correctly. Martin, KD0TMJ, volunteered to be the club's webmaster. Thank you, Martin.

Club Administrative Mgt—605c has been filed with the VEC@ARRL. This form allows the trustee's name and phone number to be changed. This also includes the MO Repeater Council update as well.

The club laptops need updating. Currently, only two laptops are owned by the club. Joe, W6JFL proposes replacing them with two newer units. The quality needs to be such that logging can be done and updates can be done regularly with current technology. Martin, KD0TMJ, was tasked with researching laptops to determine the qualities needed.

Announcements:

ARES Net Control operators

01/06 Jody KEØOAA

01/13 Al N9MAF

01/20 Joe W6JFL

01/27 Allan K9AJC

Breakfast will be skipped in December for the holiday period. It is normally on the Saturday after the meeting and will resume after the January 2025 meeting.

50/50:

50/50 was won by Joe, W6JFL.

Adjournment:

Motion by Don, KD0HHN, and was 2nd by Al, N9MAF.

Motion carried by the members.

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK**  
**BY JOE LAULETTA, W6JFL**



.Greetings, Members!

I hope everybody had a bountiful Christmas and a safe New Year! (Of course, it seems weird to me, writing that a week before Christmas.) Did anyone get any cool ham stuff? Or just socks and underwear?

Plenty of opportunity to “Play Radio” coming up! Winterheat, a big draw locally, all frequencies in the Technician privileges (the entire month of January), details at [hamactive.com](http://hamactive.com); and Winter Field Day on Jan 25/26, details at [winterfieldday.org](http://winterfieldday.org). Sponsored by WFDA, the focus is on practicing portable emergency communications in winter environments.

Don’t forget the February chili dinner is coming up, watch your email for a survey from Martin, KD0TMJ.

And speaking of Martin, congratulations on being selected as WØKEM’s Member of the Year! And of course, thank you for all the contributions and service to the club that you have given us!

That’s all for now, and 73,

-Joe-

-Wrong is wrong even if everybody’s doing it, Right is right even if nobody’s doing it...

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To all radio amateurs

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ARLD047 DX news

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by F5SJB, UR5BCP, The Daily DX, 425 DX News, DXNL, OPDX, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

ISRAEL, 4X. Special event stations 4X8NER and 4Z8NER will be QRV from December 25 to January 2, 2025. QSL via 4Z5MU.

PHILIPPINES, DU. Hannes, OE3SGU is QRV as DU1OE from Luzon Island, IOTA OC-042, until December 27. Activity is on 40 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, and various digital modes. QSL to home call.

NEW CALEDONIA, FK. Gerhard, OE3GEA is QRV as TX24HAID from Noumea, IOTA OC-032, until December 25. Activity is holiday style on 30 to 10 meters using only CW. QSL to home call.

FIJI, 3D2. After his New Caledonia operation, Gerhard, OE3GEA will be QRV as 3D2GE from Nadi, IOTA OC-016, and Nacula, IOTA OC-156, from December 25 to January 7, 2025. Activity will be holiday style on 30 to 10 meters using only CW. QSL to home call.

FRENCH POLYNESIA, FO. Hardy, DL7JLL is QRV as FO/DL7JLL from Mangareva Island, IOTA OC-063, until January 15, 2025. Activity is on 20, 15, and 10 meters using SSB. QSL to home call.

REUNION ISLAND, FR. Tom, DJ2TG as QRV as FR/DJ2TG from St. Leu until December 23. Activity is on 30, 20, and 10 meters using SSB, FT8, and FT4. QSL via LoTW.

SAINT MARTIN, FS. Oleh, UR5BCP will be QRV as FS/UR5BCP from December 26 to 2. Activity will be on 40 to 15 meters using CW. This might include activity from Sint Maarten if he obtains a license. QSL via KD7WPJ.

FRENCH GUIANA, FY. Joe, OZ0J is QRV as TO0J from Kourou until December 31. Activity is on 80 to 6 meters using primarily FT8. QSL to home call.

OGASAWARA, JD1. Harry, JG7PSJ will be QRV as JD1BMH from Chichijima, IOTA AS-031, from December 23 to January 3, 2025. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, and RTTY. QSL direct to home call.

WAKE ISLAND, KH9. Allen, KH7AL is QRV as KH7AL/KH9 until December 28. Activity is in his spare time on 40 to 10 meters using some CW and SSB. QSL to home call.

AUSTRIA, OE. Special event station OE65XMAS is QRV until January 6, 2025. QSL via bureau.

FINLAND, OH. Special event station OF9X is QRV until December 31. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL via OH2BH.

POLAND, SP. Special event stations HF0CLAUS and SP0CLAUS are QRV until January 6, 2025. QSL via bureau.

EAST KIRIBATI, T32. Members of the Rebel DX Group are QRV as T32TTT until January 1, 2025. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB and various digital modes. QSL via LoTW.

CAMEROON, TJ. Thierry, TK1CX is QRV as TJ/TK1CX until the end of February 2025. Activity is in his spare time on 20 to 10 meters using mostly FT8 and low power. QSL via EA5ZD.

INDIA, VU. Kaustav, VU2UUU is QRV with special call sign AT2025 until January 15, 2025 while studying winter propagation, and monitoring solar cycle

conditions. Activity is on the HF bands using CW and SSB. QSL via operator's instructions.

ALBANIA, ZA. Ben, ON6BW plans to be QRV as ZA/ON6BW from Durres until December 22. QSL to home call.

ANTARCTICA. Oleg, ZS1ANF is QRV as ZS7ANF from Wolf's Fang Runway, IOTA AN-016, until February 2025. Activity is in his spare time on 40 to 10 meters using mostly CW. QSL via DL5EBE.

THIS WEEKEND ON THE RADIO. ARRL CW Rookie Roundup, NCCC FT4 Sprint, Weekly RTTY Test, QRP 80-Meter CW Fox Hunt, NCCC CW Sprint, AGB-Party Contest, Russian 160-Meter DX Contest, K1USN Slow Speed CW Test, Feld Hell Sprint, OK DX RTTY Contest, Croatian DX Contest and the RAEM CW Contest are all scheduled for this upcoming weekend.

K1USN Slow Speed CW Test, ICWC Medium Speed CW Test, OK1WC Memorial, Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest, SKCC CW Sprint, QRP 160-Meter CW Fox Hunt, Phone Weekly Test, A1Club AWT, CWops Test, Mini-Test 40 CW and the Mini-Test 80 CW are on tap for December 23 to 25.

Please see December QST, page 59, and the ARRL and WA7BNM contest websites for details

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